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Chief Executive Officer

October 28, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION: ADOPT A RESOLUTION
ASSIGNING TO THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION
AUTHORITY THE COUNTY'S RIGHT TO APPLY FOR COUNTY EXCESS FUNDS
ALLOCATED TO THE COUNTY UNDER THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS
PROPOSITION OF 1996 AVAILABLE TO THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT
(SECOND DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended action will allow the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to apply for \$45,000 of County Excess Funds allocated to the County under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 available to the Second Supervisorial District from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District to complete the Compton Creek and Los Angeles River Enhancement Project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find the proposed action categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the reasons cited herein.
2. Adopt the Resolution assigning to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority the County's right to apply for \$45,000 of County Excess Funds allocated to the County of Los Angeles under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 available to the Second Supervisorial District to complete the Compton Creek and Los Angeles River Enhancement Project.

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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended action will allow the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) to apply for \$45,000 of County Excess Funds available to the Second Supervisorial District, from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (District), to complete the Compton Creek and Los Angeles River Enhancement Project. The project consists of the acquisition of 7.44 acres of private property, and 0.97 acres in easements for portions of privately-owned property, along Compton Creek. The site is one of the few remaining areas offering habitat and natural park area to the City of Compton and surrounding communities.

The total cost to acquire the property and easements is \$4,010,000 and is funded with \$2,019,510 in Specified Excess Funds, \$45,000 in County Excess Funds available to the Second Supervisorial District, and \$1,945,490 in leftover funding from an October 2002 grant to the MRCA funded under Section (3), Subsection (b), Paragraph (9) of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996.

In a related action on October 28, 2008 Agenda, the District is recommending that the Director of Parks and Recreation award a grant to MRCA.

Implementation of Strategic Goals

The proposed recommendations support County Strategic Plan Goals of Service Excellence (Goal 1), Fiscal Responsibility (Goal 4), Children and Families' Well-being (Goal 5), and Community Service (Goal 6) by improving the service and quality of life for residents of Los Angeles County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient funds in the amount of \$45,000 are available in the Second Supervisorial District portion of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended action will allow MRCA to apply for funds from the Excess Funds available to the Second Supervisorial District.

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County Counsel has reviewed this action and the attached Resolution as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed administrative actions are not subject to CEQA in that the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Sections 15378 (b)(4)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines, because the actions are administrative activities for government grants, which by their terms do not involve any commitments to any specific projects that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

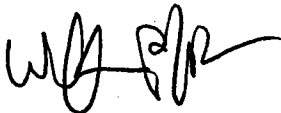
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There is no impact on current services or projects as a result of this action.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted, stamped copy this letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and one to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,



WILLIAM T FUJIOKA
Chief Executive Officer

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Attachment

c: County Counsel
Department of Parks and Recreation

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

**APPROVING ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHT TO APPLY FOR COUNTY EXCESS FUNDS
UNDER THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROPOSITION OF 1996
TO THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 allocated funding to the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation to provide funding for the acquisition and development of parks and recreational areas owned or operated by the County of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation may assign its right to apply for these funds to other agencies to implement the intent of the 1996 Proposition; and

WHEREAS, the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority is requesting \$45,000 in County Excess Funds to complete the Compton Creek and Los Angeles River Enhancement Project; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation has determined that it is in the County's best interest to assign its right to apply for these funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority will submit an application to the Regional Park and Open Space District to obtain a grant for the above-referenced project and will be required to provide assurances to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District that the funds will be expended in accordance with the intent of the 1996 Proposition and the procedural guidelines adopted by your Board, acting as Board of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors hereby adopts this Resolution assigning to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority the County's right to apply for \$45,000 of County Excess Funds from the Regional Park and Open Space District under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996.

The foregoing resolution was adopted on the ____ day of _____, 2008, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, Agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

SACHI A. HAMAI, Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
of the County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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By 
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